VARIETIES.

-The home stretch is best taken in

the noes of the minority out of joint.— Hackensack Republican. -An Iowa farmer fired at a quail and shot a tramp. What Iowa wants is more quail.—Boston Post.

-The older the tree, the more rings it has. It is very much the same with a city.—Boston Traveler. -Gail Hamilton thinks the only

a man who doesn't own a cow. We suppose this is to indicate that she is his bos.—Hawk-Eye.

-A thorough man of the world is one who can shake hands cordially with a friend whom he has just black-balled at a club.—New Orleans Picayune. -The New York Mail thinks that if those who over-eat, and those who half

starve, were to strike a balance, the world would be pretty well fed. -A Boston woman cut her dress from a pattern in a magazine dated 1873 before she discovered that it wasn't

1879, and it took three doctors to tide her over that long, lonely night.—Free Little Willie—"And were all the little birds drowned, mamma?" Mamma (who had been telling the story of the Deluge)—"Yes, all but those who were in the Ark." Willie—"Then I think they were stupid; why didn't they get in a row on top of the Ark?"

—There would be favor accident.

-There would be fewer accidents in wives advice, for we never yet heard of a man's head being blown off with a shot-gun or his being run over by the cars, but when his wife said she had

Bliss—beginning "Halleluja! 'tis done!" He didn't mean it, but it was apropos.

—A Spanish proverb says: "The road of By-and-By leads to the Town of Never.—Baltimore News. That's nothing. If the proverb had said: "The song of the Sweet-By-and-By leads to the Town of Hardly Ever," we'd have holsted the yellow fever flag.—N. Y. Express.

Glaisher found that he could not see the column of mercury in the wet bulb thermometer, and soon the hands on his watch became indistinguishable. He called to Coxwell to help him read the instruments, saying that he experienced difficulty in seeing. The barometer was observed to be ten inches and still decreasing fast; its true reading was therefore nine and three-fourths inches, implying a height of 29,000 feet. Mr.

was only seven years of young.—Hawk- matter.

carrying for the missionary box, he is torn with agonizing remorse because he didn't spend it for peanuts before it was wasted. If sorrow for the defrauded heathen factors in his agony have full power over the muscles of the he isn't aware of it.—Hawk-Eye.

the telephone and shouted to his wife:
"Mr. Skidd will be up with me to dinner, lay an extra plate." "Now," said the editor, "Mr. Skidd, you may converse with her." As the gentleman was about to approach the instrument these words were plainly heard: "You tell Mr. Skidd we don't keep a hotel on wash day." Mr. Skidd excused himself for a few moments, and was next seen eating fried clams in the Rainbow saloon on the corner.—Amsterdam Recorder.

Aerenantic Adventures.

The mystery surrounding the fate of Professor Wise, who is nowlying beneath in the toding to sleep. I can not tell anything to the sense of hearing; the perfect still him ass and silence of the regions six miles from the earth (and at this time we were between six and seven miles from the earth) is such that no sound reaches the ear. "While powerless of the regions of the regions is miles from the earth (and at this time we were between six and seven miles from the earth) is such that no sound reaches the ear. "While powerless of the regions of the regions is miles from the earth (and at this time we were between six and seven miles from the earth) is such that no sound reaches the ear. "While powerless of the regions six miles from the earth (and at this time we were between six and seven miles from the earth) is such that no sound reaches the ear. "While powerless of the regions is miles from the earth (and at this time we were between six and seven miles from the earth) is such that no sound reaches the ear. "While powerless of the regions is miles from the earth (and at this time we were between six and seven miles from the earth (and at this time we were between six and seven miles from the earth (and at this time we were between six and seven miles from the earth (and at this time we were between six and seven miles from the earth (and at this time we were between six and seven miles from the earth (and at this time we were between six and seven miles from the earth (and at this time we were between six and seven miles from the earth (and at t

the cold waters of Lake Michigan, or amid the wastes of the Northern pineries, renders grimly attractive all reminiscences of wild and terrible experiences that have heretofore befallen voyages in the air. The sad story of Donaldson and Grimwood, so familiar and yet so nearly forgotten, has been revived, and the horrible particulars of any balloon disaster from that first one of history—when D. Rosier in June, 1785, was borne in a burning car across the Enwhen D. Rosier in June, 1785, was borne in a burning car across the English Channel and dashed to the ground from a height of 3,000 feet—to the suffocation of Mr. Chambers by escaping gas when high above the city of Nottingham, have been carefully and most ham, have been carefully and most utely drawn out of their historical minutely drawn out of their historical hiding places. The natural impression created by this feeding on the dark side of aeronautic history is that it is a record of sheer disaster, when the actual fact is that during the hundred years of experimenting in air travel not over fifteen deaths have ocurred as the result of rash endeavors. Some years ago Monck Masson, in his "Aeronautica," compiled painstakingly all the names of persons who had made ascents, and ascertained that only nine out of 471 adventurers nce and the advances made toward the time when the rapid transit by air would be a glad actuality. It must be confessed that this last argu-ment possessed little weight when it is remembered that the aeronaut of to-day

The Edicilington Enterprist. the mercy of the winds and waves. The balloonist, it has been found, after hundreds of vaintrials for the contrary, may start from a given point and trav-erse the segment of a circle, or describe the most eccentric course, and after hours of aerial navigation, be as far, or, more likely, ten times farther from the proposed goal than when he started. All that science and common sense have been able to learn about balthe evening on the sofa.

Old bachelors who think there isn't any fun in courting had better get a little gal-an-try.

have been able to learn about batter about batter decades is that the balloon usually mounts in an oblique direction under the combined influence of the vertical One of the uses of adversity—Helps to fill up the dictionary.—Meriden the wind; it ceases to ascend as soon as (Conn.) Recorder. the density of the air is the same as it--The ayes of a majority always put self, and ballast must be changed; when it strikes a current, or rather

struck by a current, farewell to control and probably welcome to the impetus of a rushing tornado. The last sentence contains all the benefits definitely conferred upon the believers in air-transit. The chief benefits derived from balloon experiments have been in the well known facilities for war mes--Gail Hamilton thinks the only housework some girls do is when they begin to dust around after a beau.

-There be men who would willingly search the Serintures if they thought There be men who would willingly search the Scriptures if they thought they could find anything to steal in them.

Splendid opportunities of the elements and the components around the earth. —Put yourself in his place when you recently was to determine upon the go to rout a boy out of bed at six o'clock on a frosty morning.—Free encircling the globe; and it was for a go to rout a boy out of bed at six o'clock on a frosty morning.—Free Press.

—Nothing so quickly dries a woman's tears as a kiss.—Progress. Doyou want to set all the girls to crying?—Boston Post.

—A Zulu girl isn't allowed to marry a man who doesn't own a cow. We approach the tear of the progress of the tear of the progress of the was swept by a strong current that grappled his carover a distance of 1,150 miles, and landed in Jefferson County, New York. He had always spoken of the

New York. He had always spoken of the New York. He had always spoken of the journey as the most exciting of any of the 160 of his life in the upper regions. The celebrated French chemist, Gay Lussac, in 1804, reached the wonderful height of 28,040 feet, and carried up with him the necessary means for a scientific study of the character and properties of the atmosphere. So great was the tennity of the air in he elevated region that Lussac suffered intense agonies and narrowly escaped with his life. The injuries inflicted upon his system by the rasping atmos-phere rendered him a confirmed in-valid; he ascertained the courses of

this world if men would take their ing in a balloon to the vast height of wives advice, for we never yet heard of about seven miles. The peculiar sufferings and strange shot-gun or his being run over by the cars, but when his wife said she had often teld him to keep away from the railroad track or never touch a gun.

—Is one of Chicago's suburbs, at a —In one of Chicago's suburbs, at a recent Sunday School meeting, a long-winded clergyman consumed too much of the time with a wordy address. When he sat down, the leader of the meeting announced a hymn—one by Bliss—beginning "Halleluja! 'tis 'Chicago's suburbs, at a recent Sunday School meeting, a long-winded clergyman consumed too much of the customary experience of the aeronaut, and all observations had been easily taken. Shortty after the beginning of the sixth mile, however, Glaisher found that he could not see the column of mercury in

Ole Bull plays upon a violin 316 Glaisher had rested one of his arms on man who lives next door to you get it at the time of the observation he hold of it, you would think it was 800 found it powerless. He then tried to years old, and had lost its voice in a shake himself, but it seemed as though series of complicated troubles when it he was jostling a shapeless piece of

Bye.

—A scientific journal states that "gold is unaffected by atmospheric action or influences." We are glad to learn that there is something that doesn't touch it or grab at it. There are enough other things that do affect it, without having the atmosphere get at it.—Hawk-Eye.

—When a boy on his way to the Sunday School loses the nickle he has been carrying for the missionary box, he is he isn't aware of it.—Hawk-Eye.

The Norristown Herald wisely says: "Miss Miller, of Ferris, Texas, chloroformed her father's dogs and eloped with a young man whom her father had forbidden the premises. The probabilities are that about a year hence she will conclude that her life would have been less miserable if she had chloroformed the young man and eloped with her father's dogs."

The editor of the Fort Plain Premises at the present moment. I

eloped with her father's dogs."

—The editor of the Fort Plain Register has his office and residence connected by telephone. Yesterday Mr. Skidd, of Little Falls, an old friend, called on the editor and expected to remain for dinner. The editor hurried to the telephone and shouted to his wife: "Mr. Skidd will be up with me to dinner, lay an extra plate." "Now," said the editor, "Mr. Skidd, you may converse with her." As the gentleman were between six and seven miles from

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The observation book of Mr. Glaisher showed that his last observation before that only nine out of 471 adventurers had been killed, while against these miles, was reached on the occasion, nine deaths were arrayed the benefits causing the trip to be rightly called one of the most marked excursions in a balloon. Such was the condition of

Rankin, the Scout. the atmosphere at the height of 37,000 feet that the water in the vessel supplying the bulb thermometer became a solid mass of ice. The escape from the intelligence of the plight of what is as far from holding any control over the direction of the air-ship as was Montgolfier in 1783. The accidents to Donaldson, and, indeed, to Wise, would refute all such claims. It is within the power of the aeronaut to ascend to the utmost height to which human existence is possible; but when he desires to move in a horizontal direction, he is for the death of the two adventurers was due to Mr. Coxwell, who perceiving that his comrade was insensible, became anxious to open the valve, and seized the correspondent Forbes' ride from the battle field with the news of the British success at Ulundi. He carly as 1572, Gallen of Avignon wrote move in a horizontal direction, he is for the two adventurers was due was left of Thornburgh's command, made a great ride, making 160 miles in twenty-four hours. In other countries this feat would have made a great noise, as it exceeds the correspondent Forbes' ride from the battle field with the news of the British success at Ulundi. He carly as 1572, Gallen of Avignon wrote move in a horizontal direction, he is for the two adventurers was due to Mr. Coxwell, who perceiving that the intelligence of the plight of what was left of Thornburgh's command, made a great ride, making 160 miles in twenty-four hours. In other countries this feat would have made a great ride, making 160 miles in twenty-four hours. In other countries this feat would have made a great ride, making 160 miles in twenty-four hours. In other countries the signature agent for the United States of the balloon began to descend. As of the British success at Ulundi. He carly as 1572, Gallen of Avignon wrote may be in the intelligence of the plight of what was left of Thornburgh's command, made a great ride, making 160 miles in twenty-four hours. In other countries the signature agent for the United States are the intelligence of the plight of what was left of Thornburgh's command, and the intelligence of the plight of what he intelligence of the plight of what was left of Thornburgh's command, and the intelligence of move in a horizontal direction, he is for on aerostotion, but it was not until p. m. on the next, and made 110 miles. the most part like a rudderless ship at 1767 that Dr. Black discovered that a His ride was in six stages, and at each

thin envelope filled with gas of hydro-gen was light enough to ascend with a burden. It was nearly a score of years later than this when the first ascent later than this when the first ascent way, and he followed across the country the trail which had been made by and Joseph Montgolfier, paper manufacturers, near Lyons, France, in June, de Rosier and the Marquis d'Arlandes ascended in a balloon of this nature, gaining a height of 3,000 feet and landing nearly six miles from where they arose. During the same year, and on Dec. 1, two men, M. M. Charles and Robert, ascended in a balloon inflated with hydrogen gas, alighting in an hour and three-quarters at a spot twen-ty-five miles from Paris, whence they had started, and attained an elevation

of about 9,700 feet.

The death of De Rosier and Romain occurred two years later, and from that date was the beginning of the many hazardous undertakings in the air, the last known of which is the Wise disaparance.-Cincinnati Times.

Wonders of the Mounds.

Dr. F. Stinson writes as follows to the Evansville Journal: Below I give the result of an archæ logical search made during a two weeks' rambling through the hills and valleys of Perry County, Indiana, and Breckin-ridge County, Kentucky:

heads and stone axes. In one Mr. Tot in found a tanner's fleshing knife and two pieces of French silver coin, only dating back a little over a hundred years, showing about what date these fire-places were last used, and that ten feet of solid dirt had formed on the top of them in less than one hundred years. On the surface, above the pits or fire-places, there were abundant signs of camping grounds, covered over with flints, mussel shells, etc. Great quantities of arrow heads have been found on the surface all over this bend. I next went in company with James J. Wheel-er to what is known as Cedar Lick cave, situated four miles north of Rome, Spencer County. Here we found the aborigines had occupied this cave or rock house as a dwelling for perhaps centuries, for we found ashes and burnt earth, for some three feet deep, all over the bottom of this cave, which was thirty by forty feet. Buried in these ashes had been found human skeletons, with arrow heads, axes and fragments of flint. Some hundred and fifty yards from this rock house we found two holes drilled in sandstone, eight inches in diameter at the top, tapering to the bottom, twenty-two inches deep. These are called mortars, and, by-the-by, I learned of some seventy-five of these mortars in Breckenridge County, Kentucky, all about the same pattern. In

some of these mortars were found bowlders, but nowhere were pestles found that could have been used for pounding corn in these mortars. I next visited a cave situated about two miles north of Hardensburg, Breckenridge County, Kentucky, on Harden's creek. This cave, or rock house was forty by twen-

Mr. H. Clay Jolly dug into this cave in the year 1872, when he found eleven and a half feet of ashes all over the bottom. In the center and at the bottom was an altar built of sand stone, based upon a stool of sandstone. The altar was twenty-six by twenty-three inches concave on the top, and filled with ashes and fire-coals. On two sides of this altar lay a tier of human skeleto ten in each row. Then on top of each tier lay another one, with some ten inches of ashes between, until there were eleven and one-half feet of skeletons and ashes in depth, covering the top of the altar with ashes some seven feet— supposed to be about fifty skeletons in all and seven thousand four hundred

bushels of ashes. Upon or over the cranium ef each of these skeletons lay a flat rock, each skeleton showing signs of having been burned about the waist before interment. With the exception of those burned portions the skeletons were remarkably well preserved, ashes and saltpetre preserving them—their teeth round and entire, all of the incissors pointed or serrated. At the lower part of the chest were numerous relics, mo of which were ornaments composed of cannel coal, shell and stone. By the side of each of these skulls was found a wisp of hair or queue some twelve inches leng, tied in three places. Then, commingled with the ashes and skeletons, were found great quantities of relics, such as flints, arrow-heads, axes, scrapers, pelters and knives some of which I procured from Mr. Jolly, and brought home with me.

This wonderful development in this

This wonderful development in this cave is very peculiar, and as yet without a parallel. Hence, it is very interesting to the archæologist and scientist. With the above before me I arrive at the conclusion that the customs and habits of the aborigine of America are hard to find out, and are calculated to puzzle the brain of the most eminent archæologist or ethnologist; that it is very difficult to designate between the so-called mound-builders and Indiens of the eighteenth century.

of the eighteenth century. Strange Suicide of a Russian Lady. Moscow society would appear to be just now considerably exercised by the suicide of one of its brightest ornaments, the young and lovely Countess Vera Kofcheleff, who a short time ago suddenly disappeared from her palace in the old Russian capital, only two days after her solemn betrothal to Count Heimann, which had been cele-brated with festive rejoicings upon an unusually magnificent scale. No one could imagine whither she had gone until her steward received a letter from her written at her chateau in the Cri-mea, wherein she informed him that "she was going to bathe in the river running through her estate, and should not return alive from her bath." She also described the exact spot near which her body would be found in the water. Search was of course made with all possible promptitude; and it resulted in the discovery of the beautiful young Countess' corpse sewn up in a large straw sack and sunk in the river. The seams were found to be in the interior of the sack, proving that Vera Kofche-leff had deliberately sown herself up in the sack on the river bank and then cast herself into the stream. In another letter, addressed to one of her uncles, and received by him some time after her death, she gave as her reason for enclosing herself in a sack previously to drowning herself, her extreme fear of crawfish and water beetles. Few stranger and more fantastic suicides have been recorded even in Russian annals of self-destruction, which are exceptionally rich in grisly stories of this particular description.

RANKIN, the scout, who rode out of Payne's lines and carried to Rawlins

June 19th, 1879, the Rev. J. E. Rankin, D. D., of Washington, D. C., certified as follows: "I have known of several persons who regarded themselves as greatly benefited and some of them as permanently cured of diseases of the kidneys and urinary organs by the medicine prepared by Charles Craig, of Charlotte, N. Y. I have known, too, of its use in similar cases by physicians of the highest character and standing. I do not doubt that it has great virtue." In a previous communication to the Congregationalist, Dr. Rankin referred at length to the beneficial treatment of a case in his own family, pronounced Bright's Disease by six physicians, with the Safe Kidney and Liver Cure, and said: "This treatment I want, in the interest of humanity, to describe and commend." From Rev. J. E. Rankin, D. D. an advancing army of 6,000 men and the innumerable ox carts which carried into the air to a height of over 2,000 yards by heating the air contained in the balloon by means of a fire in its open mouth. Nov. 21, 1783, Pilatre de Rosier and the Marquis d'Arlander a moment guaranteed against the shot of some lurking savage—these are the staples of which the life of a scout in the Indian country is made up. In August, 1868, Buffalo Bill rode in THE Sterling Baking Powder, manufactured by Smith & Curtiss, Cleveland, O., is the most economical because it is absolutely pure. twelve hours from Fort Larned to Fort Zarab and back, sixty-five miles; in the succeeding twelve hours he carried dis-patches to General Sheridan from Fort Larned to Fort Hays, sixty-five miles.
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OVER three hundred thousand First, I found in the bend of what is called Polk's bottom and Tobin's Point, fire-pits, quite a number, at an average depth of ten feet below the surface. In fire-pits, quite a number, at an average depth of ten feet below the surface. In these pits were ashes, fire-coals, arrowmoney was collected in the districts

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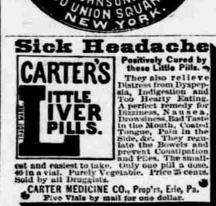
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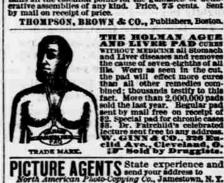
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